



FAITH FORMATION 2022 / 2023

Dear St. Helen Parishioner:

It is such a blessing to be the pastor of St. Helen Parish. I am looking forward to meeting every St. Helen family and getting to know you on a personal level. My goal is to help you grow closer to Jesus Christ and deepen your Catholic faith. All of our St. Helen priests and deacons look forward to celebrating Mass with your family.

The clergy of St. Helen are invested in the faith journey of each student attending St. Helen Faith Formation and Confirmation programs. The parishioners of St. Helen are also invested in our children.

One dimension of being a practicing Catholic is fulfilling our weekly obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and Solemn Feast Days of Obligation. It is important that we work together to fulfill this responsibility we have to our families, especially our children. In this regard, we are continuing our participation program this school year to encourage regular Mass attendance and to provide a means for me and my fellow priests and deacons at St. Helen to become better acquainted with your family. The program is outlined on the enclosed sheets.

Fr. Brian Campbell, pastor of St. John of the Cross, Fr. Tom Barrett, pastor of Holy Cross, Lisa Bell, Cory Heroux, and I have worked together to initiate this program which will help us maintain accurate records of each family's weekly Mass attendance. It is our intent to help in whatever manner we can with the assurance that your full participation in this program will be a notable blessing to your family, the school, and our parish community.

I am hopeful that the enclosed details of this program will be easy to follow. They can also be accessed from the Church website: www.sthelenvero.org under Parish Events.

Please be assured you and your families will be remembered in my prayers in a very special way. My wish is for health, happiness, and holiness for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Matthew DeGance
Pastor



PARISH PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

- This program will began September 2021.
- St. Helen Church will supply your family with a booklet of attendance vouchers. These will be distributed when you register for Faith Formation / Confirmation classes. If you are unable to attend, please stop by the parish office to obtain your vouchers. Your parish ID and family roster are included in this packet. Please make sure we have your current contact information on file. If you need to update your family information please call Laura Lewis at the parish office, 772-567-5129 or email LLewis@sthelenvero.org.
- Additional voucher books are available at the Church office.
- In the event you forget your voucher while attending Mass, we will have extras available at the front doors to the Church.
- To assist clergy in getting to know your family better, it is your responsibility to physically hand your voucher to a priest or deacon after Mass at St. Helen Church.
- Be sure your voucher is filled out completely with your family name, address, date, and parish ID.
- Please DO NOT place your attendance voucher in the collection basket. Offertory and special collection envelopes are handled separately.
- We understand that your family may travel out of the area during the year or may become ill, so there will be an allowance of 8 weekend / Solemn Feast Day obligations that you can fulfill at another Catholic Church while you are away or ill.
- Attending a Mass during the week does not count as fulfilling your Sunday obligation and Holy Days of Obligation.
- As a parishioner of St. Helen, you will be expected to be involved in Church ministry. We are asking each parent and student in 4th grade or higher participate or volunteer one hour per month in a ministry or church event.
- Please obtain a copy of the St. Helen Parish Handbook which lists numerous opportunities to provide service. Special events are listed on the Church website and in our weekly bulletin.
- Hours can be combined such that 4 hours of service fulfills the expectation of 4 months.
- Email your volunteer / event participation hours to Church@sthelenvero.org.

Our Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays at 4 p.m. (English) or 7 p.m. (Spanish)

Sundays at 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Our Holy Days of Obligation Mass times are the same as above.

On some Holy Days there may be an additional Mass.

Check the website or Church bulletin for updated times.